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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against Kylia Alston, a former Wachovia Bank employee in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, charging her with conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft, bank fraud, aggravated identity theft, and unauthorized access of Wachovia Bank records in connection with bank fraud.

According to the indictment, from October through December 2008, Alston participated in the theft of personal and account information of customers of Wachovia Bank. That customer information was then passed from Alston to other individuals who manufactured fraudulent photographic identification documents in the names of customers of the bank, using the photographs of "check-runners," individuals who then posed as customers of the banks and made fraudulent withdrawals from the accounts of those customers.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Kylia Alston	Philadelphia, PA	26

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of fifty-four years imprisonment and a \$3,250,000 fine.

The case was jointly investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the U.S. Secret Service, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney K.T. Newton.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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